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[Composition cosmétique comprenant au moins un polymère collant et au moins un polymère fixant]

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The invention relates to a cosmetic composition for keratinic fibers such as hair, which contains, in a cosmetically acceptable medium, at least one tacky polymer with a vitreous transition temperature less than 20°C and at least one setting polymer with a vitreous transition temperature greater than 15°C. It also relates to a process for treatment of keratinic fibers such as the hair, and in particular to a process for setting and/or maintaining of the hair style implementing said composition, as well as to the use of this composition in or for the manufacturing of a cosmetic hair styling formulation.

In the sense of the present invention, "keratinic fibers" are understood to mean hair, eye lashes and eye brows, and "tacky polymer" is understood to mean a polymer which, after application by pressure onto an identical polymer, resists an attempt at separation.

Setting of the hair style is an important hair styling element which consists of maintaining the shape already produced or of shaping the hair and setting it simultaneously. "Setting polymer" is understood to mean a polymer which maintains the hair in their shape or which enables one to shape the hair and set it simultaneously.

The most widespread hair products for shaping and/or maintaining of the hair style on the cosmetic market are spray compositions essentially consisting of a solution, most often alcoholic or aqueous, and one or more materials, generally polymer resins, whose function is to form bonds between the hairs, also called setting materials, in a mixture with various cosmetic additives. This solution is generally packaged in an appropriate aerosol container pressurized by means of a propellant, or in a pump bottle.

Hair styling gels or foams are also known, which are generally applied on wet hair before brushing or setting. Unlike the conventional aerosol lacquers, these compositions have the disadvantage of not allowing setting of hair which is in an already produced shape. In effect, these compositions are essentially aqueous, and their application moistens the hair and therefore cannot maintain the initial shape of the hair style. In order to shape and set the hair style, one must therefore then brush or dry it.

The majority of the compositions of the state of the art have the same disadvantage of not setting the hair in a sufficiently lasting manner. Thus, the shape initially given to the hair style gradually becomes less distinct in the course of the day, and this occurs all the more quickly if the person is in motion. Consequently, it is often necessary to begin all the styling and setting operations again if one wishes to regain the initial hair style.

Hair styling compositions are therefore sought, which provide sufficiently strong setting and maintaining effect so that the hair style suitably resists the different forces over time.

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Finally, the compositions intended for setting the hair style sometimes have the disadvantage of altering the cosmetic properties of the hair. Thus, the hair can become rough, difficult to untangle, lose its pleasant feel and appearance. Hair styling compositions which provide suitable cosmetic properties are therefore sought particularly in terms of untangling, softness, and feel.

There is therefore a need to find cosmetic compositions, particularly for hair styling, which do not have the group of disadvantages indicated above.

In a surprising and unexpected manner, the Applicant has discovered that when tacky polymers, in particular branched sulfonic polyesters or (meth)-acrylic ester polymers, are associated with setting polymers, it is possible to obtain cosmetic compositions which meet the needs expressed above. /3

The invention therefore relates to a cosmetic composition for keratinic fibers such as the hair, which contains, in a cosmetically acceptable medium, at least one tacky polymer with a vitreous transition temperature (Tg) less than 20°C and at least one setting polymer with a vitreous transition temperature (Tg) greater than 15°C.

Advantageously, a tacky polymer having a detachment profile defined by a maximum detachment force of at least  $F_{max} > 3$  Newton and preferably greater than 5 N is chosen.

Even more advantageously, the detachment profile is moreover defined by a separation energy  $S_{s(M/V)}$  of the material put in contact with a glass surface, which is less than 300  $\mu$ J, when the vitreous transition temperature of the tacky polymer is less than -15°C.

The maximum detachment force  $F_{max}$  is the maximum tensile force, measured using an extensometer, necessary to detach the respective 38  $mm^2$  surfaces of two rigid, inert, non-absorbent supports (A) and (B) placed facing one another; said surfaces being coated beforehand with the tacky polymer dissolved beforehand at a concentration of 5% in an aqueous, hydroalcoholic or alcoholic solvent, in a proportion of 1 mg/mm<sup>2</sup>, dried for 24 h at 22°C in a relative humidity of 50%, and then subjected for 20 sec to a compression of 3 Newton, and finally subjected for 30 sec to traction at a speed of 20 mm/minute.

Supports (A) and (B) consisting of polyethylene, polypropylene, metallic alloy or glass are advantageously used. /4

The separation energy  $S_{s(M/V)}$  is the energy provided by the extensometer in order to separate the respective 38  $mm^2$  surfaces of two rigid, inert, non-absorbent supports (C) and (D) placed facing one another; one of said supports consists of polished glass, and the nature of the other of said supports is identical to that of supports (A) and (B) as defined in Claim 2 or 3 and whose surface is coated beforehand with the tacky polymer dissolved beforehand at a concentration of 5% in an aqueous, hydroalcoholic or alcoholic solvent, in a proportion of 1 mg/mm<sup>2</sup>, dried for 24 h at 22°C in a relative humidity of 50%, the two surfaces of said

supports (C) and (D) being subjected for 20 sec to a compression of 3 Newton, and finally subjected for 30 sec to traction at a speed of 20 mm/minute.

The separation energy  $S_{s(M/V)}$  is work which can be computed by means of the following formula:

$$\int_{x_{s1} + 0.05}^{x_{s2}} F(x) dx$$

in which  $F(x)$  is the force necessary to produce a movement ( $x$ );

$x_{s1}$  is the movement (expressed in millimeters) produced by the maximum tensile force;

$x_{s2}$  in which [sic; is] the movement (expressed in millimeters) produced by the tensile force allowing complete separation of the two surfaces of supports (C) and (D).

Preferably, a tacky polymer will be chosen such that the maximum detachment force  $F_{max}$  is greater than 5 Newton and/or such that its temperature of vitreous transition ( $T_g$ ) is less than 20°C. If the  $T_g$  of the polymer is less than -15°C, it should preferably moreover have a separation energy  $S_{s(M/V)}$  less than 300  $\mu$ J.

The relative concentration by weight of tacky polymer in the composition is generally greater than 0.01%, and more preferably greater than 0.1%, and even more preferably greater than 0.5%. /5

According to a first advantageous embodiment of the present invention, a branched sulfonic polymer or (meth)-acrylic ester polymer [or] polymers is (are) chosen as tacky polymer.

Advantageously, a setting polymer with a vitreous transition temperature ( $T_g$ ) greater than 25°C is chosen.

According to the invention, the relative concentration by weight of setting polymer in the composition is generally greater than 0.01% and preferably greater than 0.1%.

A particularly preferred form of the branched sulfonic polyester is that obtained by polymerization of:

- (i) at least one bifunctional dicarboxylic acid carrying no sulfonic function;
- (ii) at least one bifunctional monomer carrying at least one sulfonic function, the functional group(s) being chosen from the group which includes the hydroxyl, carboxyl and amino groups;
- (iii) at least one diol or mixture of diol(s) and diamine(s);
- (iv) possibly, a bifunctional monomer chosen from the group which includes the carboxylic hydroxyacids, the carboxylic aminoacids and their mixtures;
- (v) at least one multifunctional reagent carrying at least three functional groups chosen from the group which includes the amino, alcohol and carboxylic acid groups.

Such polymerization can be carried out using:

- (i) at least one bifunctional dicarboxylic acid carrying no sulfonic function;
- (ii) 2 to 15 relative mole % of bifunctional monomer carrying at least one sulfonic function;
- (iii) at least one diol or mixture of diol(s) and diamine(s);
- (iv) 0 to 40 relative mole % of the bifunctional monomer chosen from the group which includes the carboxylic hydroxyacids, the carboxylic aminoacids and their mixtures;
- (v) 0.1 to 40 relative mole % of the multifunctional reagent carrying at least three reactive functional groups.

The branched sulfonic polymers preferably contain substantially equal proportions, in number of equivalents, on one hand, of carboxylic acid functions, and on the other hand, of diol and/or diol and diamine functions.

The bifunctional dicarboxylic acid (i) is preferably chosen from the group which includes the aliphatic dicarboxylic acids, the alicyclic dicarboxylic acids, the aromatic dicarboxylic acids or a mixture of them, and more particularly, from the group which includes 1,4-cyclohexanedioic acid, succinic acid, glutaric acid, adipic acid, azelaic acid, sebacic acid, fumaric acid, maleic acid, 1,3-cyclohexanedioic acid, phthalic acid, terephthalic acid, and isophthalic acid or their mixtures.

The bifunctional monomer (ii) as defined above is preferably chosen from the group which includes the dicarboxylic acids, the dicarboxylic acid esters, the glycols and hydroxyacids each containing at least one sulfonate metal group.

The diol (iii) is preferably chosen from the group which includes the alkanediols and the polyalkylenediols, and more particularly, from the group which includes ethylene glycol, propylene glycol, diethylene glycol, triethylene glycol and polypropylene glycol.

The diamine (iii) can be chosen from the group which includes the alkanediamines and the polylalkylenediamines.

The multifunctional reagent (v) is preferably chosen from the group which includes trimethylolethane, trimethylolpropane, glycerol, pentaerythritol, sorbitol, trimellitic anhydride, erythritol, threitol, dipentaerythritol, pyromellitic dianhydride and dimethylpropionic acid.

The branched sulfonic polymers referred to by the present invention are those described in the patent applications WO 95/181 91, WO 97/082 61 and WO 97/208 99.

According to the invention, the polymer AQ 1350 marketed by the company Eastman is advantageously chosen as branched sulfonic polymer. This polymer AQ 1350 is defined by:

- a vitreous transition temperature given by the supplier equal to 0°C;
- a maximum detachment force Fmax equal to 25 N.

According to a second advantageous embodiment of the compositions according to the invention, a (meth)-acrylic ester polymer is used as tacky polymer.

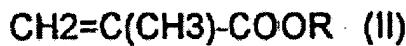
The tacky (meth)-acrylic ester polymers used according to the invention advantageously include:

(a) 9 to 99 wt% of a (meth)-acrylic ester monomer with respect to the total weight of the polymer;

(b) up to 90% co-monomer(s);

(c) 1 to 10% of a vinylidene monomer containing a carboxyl or hydroxyl group. /8

The (meth)-acrylic ester monomer (a) generally corresponds to formula (I) or (II):



in which R represents a C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>18</sub> alkyl, a C<sub>2</sub> to C<sub>8</sub> alkoxyalkyl, a C<sub>2</sub> to C<sub>6</sub> alkylthioalkyl, or a C<sub>2</sub> to C<sub>8</sub> cyanoalkyl. For example, the monomer (a) can be chosen from the group which includes methyl acrylate, ethyl acrylate, n-butyl acrylate, isobutyl acrylate, hexyl acrylate, octyl acrylate, 2-ethylhexyl acrylate, decyl acrylate, methoxyacrylate, ethoxyacrylate, methylthiomethyl acrylate and cyanopropyl acrylate.

The co-monomer (b) can contain one or more vinylidene groups having terminal CH<sub>2</sub>=C groups, such as:

- the acrylic or methacrylic esters, such as methyl methacrylate, ethyl methacrylate, n-butyl methacrylate, methyl ethacrylate,

- the vinyl halides such as vinyl chloride;

- the vinyl and allyl esters such as vinyl acetate, vinyl butyrate, vinyl chloroacetate;

- the aromatic vinyls such as styrene, vinyltoluene, chloromethylstyrene, vinylnaphthalene; and

- the vinylic nitriles such as acrylonitrile or methacrylonitrile.

Among the vinylidene monomers (c) containing hydroxyl groups, it is possible to mention the acrylate monomers with terminal hydroxyl group, such as hydroxyethyl acrylate, hydroxyethyl methacrylate, hydroxypropyl acrylate, hydroxyethyl methacrylate, hydroxybutyl acrylate, or else certain hydroxymethylated derivatives of acrylamide diacetone, for example, N-methylol acrylamide, N-methylol maleamide, N-propanolacrylamide, N-methylol methacrylamide, N-methylol-p-vinyl benzamide.

Among the vinylidene monomers (c) containing carboxyl groups, it is possible to mention, for example, acrylic or methacrylic acid, itaconic acid, citraconic acid, maleic acid.

The tacky (meth)-acrylic ester polymers referred to particularly by the present invention are those described in the patents US 5 234 627 and US 4 007 147.

According to the invention, the polymer Hycar 26 120 marketed by the company Goodrich is advantageously chosen as (meth)-acrylic ester polymer [or] polymers. This Hycar 26 120 polymer is defined by:

- a vitreous transition temperature given by the supplier equal to -10°C;
- a maximum detachment force Fmax equal to 6.25 N.

The setting polymer is generally chosen from the anionic, cationic, amphoteric, non-ionic setting polymers and their mixtures.

These setting polymers can be used in solubilized form or else in the form of a dispersion of solid particles of polymer.

As cationic setting polymer, it is preferably to choose the polymers containing primary, secondary, tertiary and/or quaternary amine groups which are part of the polymer chain or directly connected to it, and having a molecular weight between 500 and approximately 5,000,000 and preferably between 1,000 and 3,000,000.

As anionic setting polymers, the polymer containing groups derived from carboxylic, sulfonic or phosphoric acid are preferable, and have a weight average molecular weight between 500 and 5,000,000.

As amphoteric setting polymers, it is preferable to choose the polymers containing units B and C statistically distributed in the polymer chain, in which B designates a unit derived from a monomer containing at least one basic function, in particular a basic nitrogen atom, and C designates a unit derived from an acidic monomer containing one or more carboxylic or sulfonic groups, or else B and C can designate groups derived from zwitterionic monomers of carboxybetaines or sulfobetaines; B and C can also designate a cationic polymer chain containing primary, secondary, tertiary or quaternary amine groups, in which at least one of the amine groups carries a carboxylic or sulfonic group connected by the intermediary of a hydrocarbon radical; or else B and C are part of a chain of a polymer with an ethylene  $\alpha,\beta$ -dicarboxylic unit of which one of the carboxylic groups was reacted with a polyamine containing one or more primary or secondary amine groups.

As non-ionic setting polymers, it is advantageous to choose the polyurethanes.

Among the setting polymers used in solubilized form, it will be preferable to use the polymers chosen from the group which includes the acrylic polymers containing silicone, the polymers based on vinyl pyrrolidone and vinyl caprolactam monomer.

Among the setting polymers present in the form of a dispersion, it will be preferable to use those containing acrylic or methacrylic monomers and their esters or else those containing styrene monomers.

The composition can be present in spray, foam, gel or lotion form, and the cosmetically acceptable vehicle can consist of an appropriate solvent, to which additives are added, such as gelling agents or foaming agents. In general, the solvent is chosen from water, the alcohols or a hydroalcoholic mixture.

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The compositions can moreover contain an appropriate quantity of propellant such as the usual compressed or liquefied gases, preferably compressed air, carbon dioxide or nitrogen, or a gas which is soluble or not in the composition, such as dimethyl ether, the hydrocarbons containing or not containing fluorine, and their mixtures.

The invention also relates to an aerosol device consisting of a vessel containing an aerosol composition made up, on one hand, of a liquid phase (or liquor) containing at least one composition according to the invention in an appropriate solvent and a propellant as well as a means for distribution of said aerosol composition.

Yet another object of the invention is a process for treatment of keratinic fibers, of the hair in particular, characterized by the fact that the composition according to the invention is applied on said fibers, before or after formation of the hair style.

The composition according to the invention is generally used in or for the manufacturing of a cosmetic hair styling formulation.

The examples hereafter make it possible to illustrate the invention but without seeking to limit its scope. The polymers indicated hereafter will be used.

Amphomer Octylacrylamide/acrylate/butylaminoethyl/methacrylate copolymer marketed by National Starch

Polymer LO-21 DRY Poly dimethyl/methyl siloxane with groups methyl propyl 3-thio acrylate groups/methyl methacrylate/methacrylic acid marketed by 3M

Luviskol VA64P Polyvinylpyrrolidone marketed by BASF

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Uramul SC 132 Acrylic copolymer latex marketed by DMS RESINS; Tg = 50°C

AQ 1350 Branched sulfonic polyester marketed by the company Eastman

Examples:

Compositions according to the invention containing an association of a branched sulfonic polymer and a setting polymer are compared hereafter with compositions according to prior art containing either the branched sulfonic polymer alone or the setting polymer alone.

Example 1 (comparative)

Sensory tests were carried out in order to compare the performance of the compositions according to the invention and of compositions according to prior art. The comparison relates to the hair style holding power over time and under stress.

For this purpose, 3 compositions according to the invention and 4 compositions according to prior art are produced. These compositions are applied on wigs of natural hair. Then, the holding of the shape of the wig and the return of the shape of the wigs after agitation were evaluated.

Composition 1 (invention):

AQ 1350	4 g
Amphomer	2 g
Water	75 g
2 amino-2-methyl-1-propanol qs neutralization of Amphomer	0.37 g
Alcohol qs	100 g

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Composition 2 (invention):

AQ 1350	4 g
Polymer LO-21 DRY 90% neutralized beforehand	2 g
Water	75 g
Alcohol qs	100 g

Composition 3 (invention):

AQ 1350	4 g
Luviskol VA 64 P	2 g
Water	75 g
Alcohol qs	100 g

Composition 4 (prior art – branched sulfonic polyester alone):

AQ 1350	6 g
Water	75 g
Alcohol qs	100 g

Composition 5 (prior art – setting polymer alone):

Amphomer	6 g
Water	75 g
2 amino 2 methyl 1 propanol qs neutralization of Amphomer	1.09 g
Alcohol qs	100 g

Composition 6 (prior art – setting polymer alone):

Polymer LO-21 DRY 90% neutralized beforehand	6 g
Water	75 g
Alcohol qs	100 g

Composition 7 (prior art – setting polymer alone):

Luviskol VA 64 P	6 g
Water	75 g
Alcohol qs	100 g

Each of the compositions is introduced into a pump bottle. 3 grams of each composition are sprayed on a wig with 20 cm long hair shampooed and blotted beforehand. The wig is allowed to dry for 4 h and is turned upside down.

The wig is agitated by alternating rotation for 2 h. The final shape of the hair is compared with the shape that it had before the agitation, and the shape holding power is evaluated. Grades from 0 to 5 are used:

- 0 expresses a very poor shape holding power and an entirely collapsed hair style.
- 5 expresses an excellent holding power and a hair style that has remained intact and voluminous in spite of the agitation.

The wigs are then untangled and shaken again for 20 sec. The return of the shape of the hair style is evaluated when it has undergone all these operations. The same 0 to 5 grading grid is used.

Table 1 summarizes the results.

Table 1

Composition	① Tenue de la forme après agitation	② Retour de la forme après agitation et démêlage
1	3,25	2,5
2	4,0	4,0
3	4,5	4,25
4	2,0	4,0
5	3,75	0,75
6	3,5	1,0
7	2,0	0,75
③ sans traitement	0	0,5

Key: 1 Shape holding power after agitation  
 2 Return of the shape after agitation and untangling  
 3 Without treatment

Table 1 shows that the compositions according to the invention which contain the association of polymers provide better results in terms of shape holding power after agitation and return of the shape after agitation and untangling than the compositions according to prior art.

#### Example 2:

A composition 8 according to the invention is produced, and the hair style holding power as well as certain cosmetic properties are evaluated.

#### Composition 8 (invention):

AQ 1350	4g
Uramul SC 132	0.5 g
Water qs	100 g

A wig with 20 g of natural hair is taken, and 2.5 grams of composition 8 are applied on the hair and allowed to dry.

It is observed that the hair has a very good holding power. Untangling is easy, and the hair has a good feel after untangling.

#### Claims

1. A cosmetic composition for keratinic fibers such as hair, characterized by the fact that it contains, in a cosmetically acceptable medium, at least one tacky polymer with a vitreous

transition temperature (Tg) less than 20°C and at least one setting polymer with a vitreous transition temperature (Tg) greater than 15°C.

2. A composition according to Claim 1, characterized by the fact that the tacky polymer has a detachment profile defined by a maximum detachment force of at least  $F_{max} > 3$  Newton and preferably greater than 5 N.

3. A composition according to Claim 2, characterized by the fact that when the temperature of vitreous transition of the tacky polymer is less than -15°C, the detachment profile is moreover defined by a separation energy  $S_{s(M/V)}$  of the material put in contact with a glass surface, which is less than 300  $\mu$ J.

4. A composition according to Claim 2, characterized by the fact that  $F_{max}$  is the maximum tensile force, measured using an extensometer, necessary to detach the respective 38  $mm^2$  surfaces of two rigid, inert, non-absorbent supports (A) and (B) placed facing one another; said surfaces being coated beforehand with the tacky polymer dissolved beforehand at a concentration of 5% in an aqueous, hydroalcoholic or alcoholic solvent, in a proportion of 1 mg/mm<sup>2</sup>, dried for 24 h at 22°C in a relative humidity of 50%, and then subjected for 20 sec to a compression of 3 Newton, and finally subjected for 30 sec to traction at a speed of 20 mm/minute.

5. A composition according to Claim 4, characterized by the fact that supports (A) and (B) consist of polyethylene, polypropylene, metallic alloy or glass.

6. A composition according to Claim 2, characterized by the fact that  $S_{s(M/V)}$  is the energy provided by the extensometer in order to separate the respective 38  $mm^2$  surfaces of two rigid, inert, non-absorbent supports (C) and (D) placed facing one another; one of said supports consisting of polished glass, and the nature of the other of said supports being identical to that of supports (A) and (B) as defined in Claim 4 or 5 and whose surface is coated beforehand with the tacky polymer dissolved beforehand at a concentration of 5% in an aqueous, hydroalcoholic or alcoholic solvent, in a proportion of 1 mg/mm<sup>2</sup>, dried for 24 h at 22°C in a relative humidity of 50%, the two surfaces of said supports (C) and (D) being subjected for 20 sec to a compression of 3 Newton, and finally subjected for 30 sec to traction at a speed of 20 mm/minute. /18

7. A composition according to Claim 6, characterized by the fact that  $S_{s(M/V)}$  is work which is computed by means of the following formula:

$$\int_{x_{s1} + 0.05}^{x_{s2}} F(x) dx$$

in which  $F(x)$  is the force necessary to produce a movement (x);

$x_{s1}$  is the movement (expressed in millimeters) produced by the maximum tensile force;  $X_{s2}$  in which [sic: is] the movement (expressed in millimeters) produced by the tensile force allowing complete separation of the two surfaces of supports (C) and (D).

8. A composition according to any one of the preceding claims, characterized by the fact that the tacky polymer is a branched sulfonic polyester or a (meth)-acrylic ester polymer [or] polymers.

9. A composition according to any one of the preceding claims, characterized by the fact that the relative concentration by weight of tacky polymer in the composition is greater than 0.01%, and preferably greater than 0.1%, and even more preferably greater than 0.5%.

10. A composition according to any one of the preceding claims, characterized by the fact that the setting polymer has a vitreous transition temperature (Tg) greater than 25°C. /19

11. A composition according to any one of the preceding claims, characterized by the fact that the relative concentration by weight of setting polymer in the composition is greater than 0.01% and preferably greater than 0.1%.

12. A composition according to Claim 8, characterized by the fact that the branched sulfonic polyester is formed by polymerization of:

(i) at least one bifunctional dicarboxylic acid carrying no sulfonic function;

(ii) at least one bifunctional monomer carrying at least one sulfonic function, the functional group(s) being chosen from the group which includes the hydroxyl, carboxyl and amino groups;

(iii) at least one diol or mixture of diol(s) and diamine(s);

(iv) possibly, a bifunctional monomer chosen from the group which includes the carboxylic hydroxyacids, the carboxylic aminoacids and their mixtures;

(v) at least one multifunctional reagent carrying at least three functional groups chosen from the group which includes the amino, alcohol and carboxylic acid groups.

13. A composition according to Claim 12, characterized by the fact that the polymerization is carried out using:

(i) at least one bifunctional dicarboxylic acid carrying no sulfonic function;

(ii) 2 to 15 relative mole % of bifunctional monomer carrying at least one sulfonic function;

(iii) at least one diol or mixture of diol(s) and diamine(s);

(iv) 0 to 40 relative mole % of the bifunctional monomer chosen from the group which includes the carboxylic hydroxyacids, the carboxylic aminoacids and their mixtures; /20

(v) 0.1 to 40 relative mole % of the multifunctional reagent carrying at least three reactive functional groups.

14. A composition according to either of Claims 12 and 13, characterized by the fact that the branched sulfonic polymers contains substantially equal proportions, in number of equivalents, on one hand, of carboxylic acid functions, and on the other hand, of diol and/or diol and diamine functions.

15. A composition according to any one of Claims 12-14, characterized by the fact that the bifunctional dicarboxylic acid (i) is chosen from the group which includes the aliphatic dicarboxylic acids, the alicyclic dicarboxylic acids, the aromatic dicarboxylic acids.

16. A composition according to Claim 15, characterized by the fact that the bifunctional dicarboxylic acid (i) is chosen from the group which includes 1,4-cyclohexanedioic acid, succinic acid, glutaric acid, adipic acid, azelaic acid, sebatic acid, fumaric acid, maleic acid, 1,3-cyclohexanedioic acid, phthalic acid, terephthalic acid, and isophthalic acid and a mixture of them.

17. A composition according to any one of Claims 12-14, characterized by the fact that the bifunctional monomer (ii) is chosen from the group which includes the dicarboxylic acids, the dicarboxylic acid esters, the glycols and hydroxyacids each containing at least one sulfonate metal group.

18. A composition according to any one of Claims 12-14, characterized by the fact that the diol (iii) is chosen from the group which includes the alkanediols and the polyalkylenediols.

19. A composition according to Claim 18, characterized by the fact that the diol (iii) is chosen from the group which includes ethylene glycol, propylene glycol, diethylene glycol, triethylene glycol and polypropylene glycol.

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20. A composition according to any one of Claims 12-14, characterized by the fact that the diamine (iii) is chosen from the group which includes the alkanediamines and the polyalkylenediamines.

21. A composition according to any one of Claims 12-14, characterized by the fact that the multifunctional reagent (v) is chosen from the group which includes trimethylolethane, trimethylolpropane, glycerol, pentaerythritol, sorbitol, trimellitic anhydride, erythritol, threitol, dipentaerythritol, pyromellitic dianhydride and dimethylpropionic acid.

22. A composition according to Claim 8, characterized by the fact that the (meth)-acrylic ester polymer advantageously includes:

- (a) 9 to 99 wt% of a (meth)-acrylic ester monomer with respect to the total weight of the polymer;
- (b) up to 90% co-monomer;
- (c) 1 to 10% of a vinylidene monomer containing a carboxyl or hydroxyl group.

23. A composition according to any one of the preceding claims, characterized by the fact that the setting polymer is chosen from the anionic, cationic, amphoteric, non-ionic setting polymers and their mixtures.

24. A composition according to Claim 23, characterized by the fact that the setting polymers are present in solubilized form or in the form of a dispersion of solid particles of polymer.

25. A composition according to Claim 24, characterized by the fact that the cationic setting polymers are chosen from the polymers containing primary, secondary, tertiary and/or quaternary amine groups which are part of the polymer chain or directly connected to it, and having a molecular weight between 500 and approximately 5,000,000 and preferably between 1,000 and 3,000,000. /22

26. A composition according to Claim 23, characterized by the fact that the anionic setting polymers are polymers containing groups derived from carboxylic, sulfonic or phosphoric acid and have a weight average molecular weight between 500 and 5,000,000.

27. A composition according to Claim 23, characterized by the fact that the amphoteric setting polymers are amphoteric polymers chosen from the polymers containing units B and C statistically distributed in the polymer chain, in which B designates a unit derived from a monomer containing at least one basic function, in particular a basic nitrogen atom, and C designates a unit derived from an acidic monomer containing one or more carboxylic or sulfonic groups, or else B and C can designate groups derived from zwitterionic monomers of carboxybetaines or sulfobetaines; B and C can also designate a cationic polymer chain containing primary, secondary, tertiary or quaternary amine groups, in which at least one of the amine groups carries a carboxylic or sulfonic group connected by the intermediary of a hydrocarbon radical; or else B and C are part of a chain of a polymer with an ethylene  $\alpha,\beta$ -dicarboxylic unit of which one of the carboxylic groups was reacted with a polyamine containing one or more primary or secondary amine groups.

28. A composition according to Claim 23, characterized by the fact that the non-ionic setting polymers are polyurethanes.

29. A composition according to Claim 1, characterized by the fact that the setting polymer is a hydrosoluble polymer chosen from the group which includes the acrylic polymers containing silicone, the polymers based on vinyl pyrrolidone and vinyl caprolactam monomer. /23

30. A composition according to Claim 1, characterized by the fact that the setting polymer is a dispersed polymer based on acrylic or methacrylic monomers and their esters and a polymer based on styrene monomers.

31. A composition according to any one of the preceding claims, characterized by the fact that it is present in the form of a spray composition, a foam, a gel or a lotion.

32. A composition according to any one of the preceding claims, characterized by the fact that the cosmetically acceptable vehicle consists of an appropriate solvent, to which additives can be added, such as gelling agents or foaming agents.

33. A composition according to any one of the preceding claims, characterized by the fact that it contains a solvent chosen from water, an alcohol or a hydroalcoholic mixture.

34. A composition according to any one of the preceding claims, characterized by the fact that it moreover contains an appropriate quantity of propellant made up of the usual compressed or liquefied gases, preferably compressed air, carbon dioxide or nitrogen, or else a gas which is soluble or not in the composition, such as dimethyl ether, the hydrocarbons containing or not containing fluorine, and their mixtures.

35. An aerosol device consisting of a vessel containing an aerosol composition made up, on one hand, of a liquid phase (or liquor) containing at least one composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 30 in an appropriate solvent and a propellant as well as a means for distribution of said aerosol composition.

36. A process for treatment of keratinic fibers, of hair in particular, characterized by the fact that the composition as defined in Claims 1-30 is applied on said fibers, before or after formation of the hair style. /24

37. Use of a composition according to any one of Claims 1-30 in or for the manufacturing of a cosmetic hair styling formulation.

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## Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

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1.  Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
  
  
  
  
  
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## Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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